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Dear Mike & Bill:

As our exams are starting to-morrow and I shan't be able to answer any letters for another week at least and as I don't intend to answer any while I'm on leave I'm writing this letter to be one up on both of you. Right now I'm at the stage where I don't give a damn if they had all the exams to-morrow but to be on the safe side and not let anyone in the course be up on me I've got to make out a few notes to take in with me so I shan't write a very long letter. I feel sure that I'll pass all their bloody exams quite easily but it's nice to know you've got something to fall back on if you get stuck.

Had a very nice week at Uxbridge and enjoyed myself immensely, I didn't get up to see Mickey but fully intended to but circumstances didn't permit me to and as I'm in the soup again I can't for a while now. I came second in the broad jump and damn near beat the champion of the service, it was quite a thrill while it lasted.

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and I actually had hopes of winning once or twice. I jumped the best I've ever done and didn't feel too bad about being beaten as I didn't expect to get to the second round. Our team won the relay race and we walked off with the meet championships with 48 points the second being Manston with 43 points. While there I saw Sq. Ldr. Sweeney run the 100 yds dash and I can honestly say it was bloody marvellous. He ran the opening heat in 10.1 secs the second runner being a good five yds. behind him at the finish. He's a member of England's Olympic Team so I suppose he should be good.

Anyhow I enjoyed the time there, the same I was telling you about was a bit of alright and I had my evenings well taken up. We went to hear Joe Ross, Gerald and two or three other big name bands and they sure can beat it out. Incidentally they took some moving pictures of the meet for the news reel, I don't know if I'm in any of them but if you do happen to see them watch for the handsome profile of "yrs. twody." I was going to see Micky last Sat. afternoon but we started to celebrate and then I took Alice



out and then we got the bright idea of coming home so we did. There was Kit, myself, Treanor, Southwell, Rhind and two instructors Stewart and Cartridge. We finally got here and promptly beat it for the mess for more beer and proceeded to have a party. One of the very senior officers came in and told us to quieten down so we did until Stewart started to throw beer on the walls and smash the empty glasses in the fire place. Then Sgt. Lieut. Birch (a proper shit) came in and told us to go to bed we we started off but you know how easy it is to forget so we started a wrestle in the hall, the Birch told us again and we toddled off to our rooms. Then Night (I forgot his name) came out of his and went down to talk to the squad commanders, everybody else promptly followed and we walked right into Birch. He gave us all 14 days (again, Christ that's all I ever get from this place). Then the next day Rhind left camp and was put in close arrest for A.W.L. while in C.P. so Scragg (another heel) put Night and I in open arrest for being perpetrators of a riot, all very nice. We got out of arrest on Tuesday but the 14 days is still on and I'm afraid Birch is going to get hurt the next quiet night (I hope).

I'm pretty sure I'm going to Singapore after the end of this course, I hope so. Its supposed to be a hell of a good spot from what I hear from some of the senior officers



who have been abroad.

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Well, no more news for now, love to Olive  
and hello to lads.

Ever Yours

Bill.

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